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The subject became the great topic of national council, & it was finally nearly unanimously decided to follow the old man, to the beautiful country he had seen. Accordingly, on the opening of the following Spring, with the exception of a few who could not be prevailed upon to believe the old man's report, they commenced their migrations to the Southward leaving their dogs with their friends who remained behind; they continued to follow the old man for many moons until they finally fell in with the Comanches who made war with them, but they eventually obtained ponies & followed the Comanches to this country where they have since resided.

P.M. Went to the farm & got Kicking Birds saddle repaired. Wrote home 15

3rd 5th day Clear & Pleasant
Went to the residence of Dr. J. Sturm, in the Chickasaw Nation in order to get him to come up & go with the Agent to visit the Indian Camps as Interpreter, I traveled the whole day a lone in this wild country

4th 7th day Rainy Rained last night & most of the day to

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day Dr Sturm not being at home & it being rainy I had to lay by. He Dr got home about 10 o'clock P.M. & agreed to go back with me tomorrow

5th 1st day of week Clear most of the day & cold in the morning a fearful "Norther" having blown all night, but became quite pleasant, as we proceeded toward our Agency, where we arrived just after Sundown, where I found a letter from home, & the father of our last remaining captive boy, or would have been our last one had not 3 new ones been brought in.

Last 5th day Black Beard a Quakada Chief brought in & delivered to the Agent 3 Mexican boys who had been captives with them for 2 years or so past, they are as much pleased apparently as the others were, with their liberation & the prospect of their restoration to their friends. Their home is near San Antonio in Texas

5th 2nd day Clear & cool
The Agent Dr Sturm, John Painter Henry Lamb & myself, got ready to start on our contemplated tour to the Indian camps, but some Indian coming in detained us sometime from getting started; a messenger

Wrote home 15 1/2